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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Processing Staff

SUBJECT   :   Organization of Intelligence Information Handling
                     Committee (IHC)

1. A quick reading of subject paper discloses several points
of concern. Paragraph 2 says that "CIA will provide the necessary
administrative support to the Support Staff". CIA may be able to
furnish the same administrative support to the IHC Support Staff that
it is now furnishing to the CODIB Support Staff but we cannot commit
ourselves to anything beyond that without having it specifically iden-
tified well in advance of the requirement. If the committee and the
Support Staff are to undertake all of the activities described in this
paper it would appear that administrative support is going to become a
very significant item. None of the Support Offices have programmed or
budgeted anything for support to the IHC or its Support Staff. I be-
lieve the DDI now acts as host to the CODIB Support Staff and presum-
ably will fill the same role for the IHC Support Staff. If requirements
for support exceed the present level they will have to be satisfied by
some reprogramming, presumably within the Intelligence Directorate but
possibly at the Agency level.

2. Paragraph 4 is another blank check which I don't believe we
should authenticate. It may be desirable that the chairmen of all sub-
committees be selected from among the members of the Support Staff but
it may not always be practical or wise. I question the need for this
paragraph at all. If it must remain I suggest the phrase "authorized
now or in the future" be stricken.

3. Paragraph 5b again injects the notion that there will be a
follow-on program for COINS. I had been under the impression that
COINS was to be limited to the experiment and nothing further was to
be done until that had been evaluated. More basically, however, I
find the whole approach to these subcommittees a little astounding.
If the subcommittees were to undertake to do all of the things speci-
fied for them they would become full time employment for about a hun-
dred people. In any case, it seems to me this goes beyond the scope
of the authority intended for the Information Handling Committee but I
can't be sure because I am unable to identify from among the mass of
papers I have the version of the objectives which was finally approved

by USIB. This paper should not be considered further until the approved version of the IHC objectives has been issued.

4. Later paragraphs of the paper assign to the Support Staff a role relating to Security which seems to me to impinge upon the responsibilities of the USIB Security Committee. There is a definite need for clarification of these points and this cannot be accomplished satisfactorily in the time available.

6. The Support Directorate cannot concur in this paper until we have had opportunity to give proper attention to all of its ramifications.

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